

SECTION: CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121, a complete listing of all claims in the application, and their status, is set forth below. The text of each pending claim is also provided. Please amend the pending claims as follows, wherein added matter is underlined and deleted matter is ~~stricken through~~ or ~~[[double bracketed]]~~ in the text of the currently amended claims, relative to the immediate prior version. The claims in this listing are deemed to replace all prior claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A device for fastening electrical wires to a wall stud, comprising:
 - a. a frame having a predetermined length with first and second ends,
 - b. a planar leg communicatively connected to the frame, the leg having an aperture adapted to receive a screw or nail being for coupling contact with the wall stud ~~an external base object, the leg being disposed near the first end of the frame and extending from the frame at an angle thereto;~~
 - c. an arm disposed near the second end of the frame, the arm having a first end which is pivotally connected to the frame and a second end which is releasably connectable to the frame, the arm defining ~~[[a]]~~ an openable and closeable passage in which an article is disposed adapted for grasping at least one electrical wire, whereby in operation the passage is disposed a distance away from a wall stud to hold the electrical wire substantially away from the wall stud.
2. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the frame, leg and arm are constructed of a unitary material.
3. (Original) The device of claim 2, wherein the unitary material is plastic.

4. (Canceled).

5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended) The device of claim [[5]] 1, further comprising means to connect the leg to an external base object.

7. (Original) The device of claim 6, wherein the means to connect is selected from the group of connectors consisting of a nail, a screw, and adhesive.

8. (Currently Amended) The device of claim [[5]] 1, further comprising an aperture disposed at a predetermined location in the leg for mating connection with a screw or nail.

9. (Canceled).

10. (Canceled).

11. (Original) The device of claim 10, wherein the arm has a curvilinear configuration.

12. (Original) The device of claim 11, wherein the arm is flexible.

13. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 11, wherein the passage has a cylindrical configuration with open ends through which the ~~article~~ at least one electrical wire is disposed.

14. (Currently Amended) The device of claim ~~10~~ 1, further comprising a lock member connected to the frame, and wherein the second end of the arm has a locking end which releasably mates with the lock member to open and close the passage for grasping the electrical wire.

15. (Original) The device of claim 14, wherein the lock member and locking end have complementary mating notches.

16. (Canceled).

17. (Canceled).

18. (Canceled).

19. (Currently Amended) An electrical cable fastening device for securely fastening electrical cable to a wide face of a wall stud, comprising:

- a. a frame with first and second ends and a predetermined length,
- b. a planar leg communicatively connected to the frame at the first end of the frame, the leg extending from the first end of the frame approximately at a right angle to the frame, the leg having an aperture adapted to receive a screw or nail being for flat coupling contact with an external base object and against the wide face of the wall stud;

- c. a lock member connected to the frame at a predetermined location; and
- d. a flexible arm connected to the frame at the second end of the frame, the arm having first and second ends and a ~~rectilinear~~ curvilinear configuration defining a substantially cylindrical passage with open ends adapted for receiving the cable, the first end of the arm being pivotally connected near the second end of the frame, the second having a free end of the arm being which is releasably couplable to the lock member, whereby in operation the passage is adapted to be disposed approximately 1 5/8 inches away from the wide face of the wall stud to maintain the cable a safe distance away from sharp fasteners intended to penetrate a narrow face of the wall stud.

20. (Currently Amended) A cable fastener system for securely fastening an electrical cable to a wide face of a wall stud in preparation for wall board covering of a narrow face of the wall stud, or the like comprising:

- a. a rectilinear, planar frame with first and second ends, first and second sides, and a predetermined length,
- b. a rectilinear planar leg communicatively connected to the frame at the first end and extending outwardly at a right angle therefrom towards the first side of the frame, the leg being adapted for flat coupling contact with and against the wide face of the wall stud, the leg having a flat area with an aperture disposed centrally in the flat area adapted for connection with a screw or nail penetrating into the wall stud at a predetermined location thereon;
- ~~c. a fastener selected from the group of fasteners consisting of a nail and a screw, the fastener being adapted for driving into the wall stud through the leg aperture;~~
- [[e]]c. a lock member connected to the frame at a predetermined location on the second side of the frame, the lock member having a mating notch; and

[[f]] d. a flexible arm connected to the frame at the second end and on the second side, the arm having first and second ends and a curvilinear configuration defining a substantially cylindrical passage with open ends adapted to receive the electrical cable in use, the cylindrical passage being oriented parallel with the plane of the leg, the first end of the arm being pivotally connected near the second end of the frame, the second ~~having a free end~~ of the arm with having a mating notch which is releasably couplable to the mating notch of the lock member, whereby in operation, the passage is adapted to be disposed approximately 1 5/8 inches away from the wide face of the wall stud to maintain the cable a safe distance away from sharp nail or screw fastener intended to be penetrate wall board covering and a narrow face of the wall stud, and the passage orients the fastened cable substantially parallel with the wall stud.